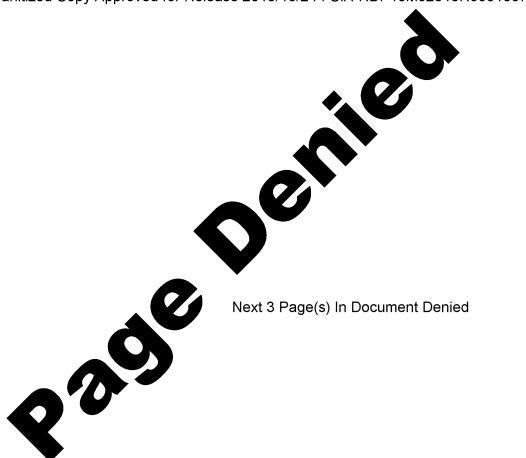
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT

THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE

UNITED NATIONS

THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT:

National Security Decision Directive on

Cuba and Central America

The President has formally approved the attached National Security Decision Directive on Cuba and Central America.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark

Attachment - NSDD No. 17

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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE NUMBER 17

NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE ON CUBA AND CENTRAL AMERICA

U.S. policy toward the Americas is characterized by strong support for those nations which embrace the principles of democracy and freedom for their people in a stable and peaceful environment. U.S. policy is therefore to assist in defeating the insurgency in El Salvador, and to oppose actions by Cuba, Nicaragua, or others to introduce into Central America heavy weapons, troops from outside the region, trained subversives, or arms and military supplies for insurgents. To adequately support U.S. policy, the following decisions have been made by the President based on discussion at the November 16, 1981 meeting of the National Security Council:

- 1. Create a public information task force to inform the public and Congress of the critical situation in the area.
- Economic support for a number of Central American and Caribbean countries (estimate \$250 to \$300 million FY 1982 supplemental)
- 3. Agreement to use most of the \$50 million Section 506 authority to increase military assistance to El Salvador and Honduras. Reprogram additional funds as necessary.
- 4. Provide military training for indigenous units and leaders both in and out of country.

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6.	Maintain trade and credit to Nicaragua as long as the government permits the private sector to operate effectively.	
7.	Expedite measures to tighten the economic sanctions against Cuba.	
8.	Encourage cooperative efforts to defeat externally-supported insurgency by pursuing a multilateral step-by-step approach.	
9.	Support democratic forces in Nicaragua.	_
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